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The Honorable Paul Condino  
MI House of Representatives  
NO799 House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Condino:

I am submitting this to express opposition to House Bills 4044, 4045 and 4056.

Schering Plough aspires to earn the trust of doctors, patients and customers as a champion for them and as a company that provides them with a steady flow of innovative, science-based medicines and services. Of particular concern in this legislation is the unforeseen impact to patients. Passage of these bills will have a negative impact on life-science research and development while deterring research-based companies from establishing in Michigan. Tomorrow's patients will benefit from innovation that came about ten or so years ago. Will we be able to declare this in another ten years?

In addition, the intended effect of these bills implies that patients currently lack recourse with respect to product safety. To the contrary, the Food and Drug Administration is responsible for processing patient complaints. As always, patients seeking medicinal therapy are advised to seek the risks and benefits with their physician.

As such, I respectfully submit opposition to House Bills 4044, 4045 and 4046.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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